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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application, and the consideration given in the interview of October 14, 2005. In that interview, we discussed the pending claims, and I proposed adding limitations consistent with the amendments herein. We discussed certain references of record, including

U.S. Patent No. 6,317,500 to Murphy;

U.S. Patent No. 6,522,875 to Dowling et al.; and

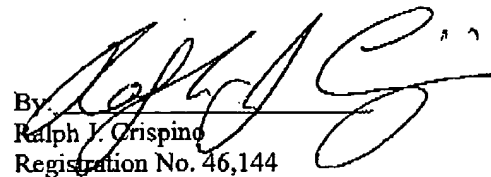
U.S. Patent No. 6,222,449 to Twining.

Additionally, we discussed a new reference for this case, U.S. Patent No. 5,243,652 to Teare, et al.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 374-379 are pending and have been amended to overcome any rejections based on the above discussed references.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 374-379 are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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